

PIEDMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Council Chambers, City Hall

120 Vista Avenue

Piedmont, California 94611

MINUTES OF

Regular Meeting of the Governing Board

October 22, 2014

CALL TO ORDER	President Andrea Swenson called the meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m.
ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM	President Andrea Swenson, Vice President Sarah Pearson and Board Members Amal Smith, Doug Ireland and Rick Raushenbush were present.
Adjourn to Closed Session	The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss: Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Superintendent (Government Code Section 54957))
Others Present in Closed Session	Superintendent Hubbard joined the session at 6:25 p.m.
Reconvene to Regular Session	President Swenson called the Regular Session of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Others Present at Regular Session	Superintendent Constance Hubbard Michael Brady, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services Randall Booker, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Report of Action Taken in Closed Session	The Board met in closed session and no action was taken.
Agenda Adjustments	Superintendent Hubbard added an item to the Consent Calendar. A field trip of the Cross Country Team previously approved at the October 8 Board has been changed so that the bus may depart in the evening rather than at 4:00 a.m. as previously approved. Ms. Smith moved, and Mr. Raushenbush seconded a motion to include the amended field trip request on tonight's Consent Calendar. The motion was approved 5-0.
COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
Association of Piedmont Teachers (APT)	Gabrielle Kashani, APT President, expressed the gratitude of APT members for the decrease in the cost of medical coverage due to an increase in District contributions and an agreement with Kaiser resulting in no premium increase for two years. As a parent of students attending PUSD, she is reminded that we have the best teachers in the state.
CSEA	None
Parent Clubs	None
Student Representative to Board	Claire O'Connor, PHS student representative, reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last Thursday was the Great Shakeout Earthquake Drill• The deadline for seniors for early decision/early action is Nov. 1• The undefeated Girl's Tennis Team plays Berkeley on Thursday• All fall sports begin North Coast Sectionals in November• The Homecoming football game is this Friday and the team is still undefeated in their league. For Homecoming Week ASB held

food giveaways all week. Due to the new class schedule, the Homecoming Rally was held Tuesday and was really fun. The Homecoming Dance is formal and the theme is film noir.

Mr. Booker said that during the emergency drill the District utilized the Calypso Front Row system to call all sites.

Persons Requesting to Speak on Items Not on the Agenda

Nako Narter, PHS senior, explained that the Wellness Center provides information on STDs and various forms of contraception. She would like to see the center provide access to items that provide for a safer lifestyle.

Superintendent Announcements

None

President Announcements

Ms. Swenson said that at the Board Workshop on Facilities the Board directed staff to come up with a plan of what is needed to support 21st century classrooms and facilities. This will be discussed at the November 12 Board Meeting.

She reported that the District met with representatives of the Turkey Trot and hopes to resolve the matter in the near future.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES REPORT:
SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT LEARNING

Family Math Nights

The District has begun a new program to provide Family Math Nights from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. where elementary school families come in to work on math together. A math night was held at Wildwood on October 14 and at Havens on October. 20. The Family Math Night on November 6 at Beach will include a presentation of how algebra concepts are addressed in elementary school. These evenings provide an opportunity for parents to learn more about Common Core Math and for students to explain math problems to their parents. The District is hoping to offer another set of Math Nights next semester.

REVIEW AND ACTION ITEMS

Adopt Resolution 07-2014-15
“Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of 2014 General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$11,000,000, and Authorizing and Directing the Execution of Documents and Actions Relating Thereto”

The Board was asked to adopt a Resolution to allow the District to refund existing General Obligation bonds in order to save taxpayers \$800k in interest payments. It is anticipated that the sale would take place in November. This sale will not affect future bonding capacity and will result in paying back the bonds at a lower rate of interest.

Mr. Raushenbush moved to adopt Resolution 07-2014-15 “Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of 2014 General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$11,000,000, and Authorizing and Directing the Execution of Documents and Actions Relating Thereto.” Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Swenson, Pearson, Smith, Ireland, Raushenbush
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

First Reading, Proposed Revised Board Policy and AR 5141.31 “Immunizations”

Superintendent Hubbard explained that the District is in the process of reviewing our Board policies. We are fortunate that our new District Nurse, Joan Edelstein, has worked as a policy consultant for the California School Boards Association, and we are beginning the review with our policies on health matters. Board Policies represent a broad look at a topic and must be approved by the Board. Our practice is to have two readings: the first reading is an opportunity for the Board to discuss and to give the staff direction as to any changes, and the second reading provides an opportunity to review requested changes. If the policy is not amended, it will be brought back on the Consent Calendar for the second reading.

Administrative Regulations (ARs) are the details of how the District

carries out the policy and can be changed as we implement policies and alter practices. ARs do not need Board approval although we typically bring them to the Board as an educational item. They may be put on the Consent Calendar. If there are significant changes, the Board can request that the AR be pulled off the Consent Calendar for discussion. If there are minor changes, the District will simply make the changes.

This evening we are bringing both the policy and the administrative regulation forward for consideration. The District has not had a board policy on immunizations, although we have been following the required practices. Ms. Edelstein explained that we must ensure that all students are in compliance with changes to the AR that reflect current legislation regarding TDAP immunization and personal belief exemptions. Parents may exempt their child for medical health reasons, religious or personal beliefs. To do so, they must provide a Department of Public Health form signed by a medical provider indicating that the family has received counseling on this issue.

As there were no changes to the proposed Board Policy and AR, they will be presented on the Consent Calendar at the next meeting.

First Reading, Proposed Revised Board Policy and AR 5141.33 "Head Lice"

Current PUSD policies on Head Lice are in need of updating to reflect both current law and best practices as described by the Centers for Disease Control, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Association of School Nurses, the California School Nurses Association, and the Harvard School of Public Health. The proposed revised Policy on Head Lice with revised Administrative Regulations (AR) is presented this evening for the first reading this evening. The Administrative Regulations (AR) do not require Board approval and are included for information purposes.

Mr. Booker explained that the District has been working with principals and staff, APCP, and Parent Club presidents to educate them about head lice. Ms. Edelstein explained that the revised policy is an evidence-based policy reflecting best practices. Changes to the policy provide for keeping students in school when there is no risk to student health, maintaining student confidentiality, avoiding over-treatment, and promoting parent education through the website, parent handbooks and school newsletters. Notification to parents would require confirmation of an active infestation by the school nurse or a designee and would follow the practices established the County Department of Public Health.

Ms. Pearson read some suggested language in regard to the policy on parental notification. She will share that directly with Mr. Booker. The policy will be brought back at the next meeting as a review and action item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deadline for applications for the School Support Tax Advisory Subcommittee has been extended. This committee reviews expenditures and makes recommendations to the Board regarding the levy of the parcel tax. Applications are due by October 31, 2014, and may be downloaded from the website or obtained by contacting the Superintendent's office. Membership on this committee is open to property owners in Piedmont who are not employed by the School District.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Smith received several emails regarding the Turkey Trot.

Mr. Raushenbush received an email about the School Support Tax and the meaning of the *Borikas* decision.

Ms. Pearson received several emails and comments on the proposed

lice policy.

BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Raushenbush attended the PHS Site Council.

Mr. Ireland attended Parents' Math Night and the Budget Advisory Committee.

Ms. Smith facilitated the 12th grade Piedmont Parent's Network meeting and attended the Speaker Series with Po Bronson.

Ms. Pearson participated in the Walk & Roll to School Day and attended a field trip with the PMS Film class to the Disney Museum, the 6th grade dance, a PEF meeting, an ALPS meeting with over 60 parents in attendance, a PADC meeting, the Math Task force, a Green Community meeting, and the event with Po Bronson.

Ms. Swenson attended the PMS Site Council, the PEF meeting, the City-School Liaison meeting, and the Math Task Force. She went to the City Council meeting discussing the smoking policy, which would create a buffer zone around schools. She mentioned that all Board members attended a special Board meeting on District facilities.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar included the addition of the previously approved Cross Country Team field trip amended to extend the trip an additional night.

Ms. Smith moved and Mr. Ireland seconded a motion to approve the consent calendar with the addition of the Field Trip for the Cross County team. The motion passed 5-0.

- A. Adopt Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2014 Board Meeting
- B. *Approve Personnel Action Report
- C. Approve Independent Contractor Agreement with Amy Hester for the 2014-15 school year in the amount of \$2,908 for assisting in the development of a two-year internship program for the Wellness Center.
- D. Approve one Independent Service Agreement with STE Consultants, to provide nonpublic services for to the district, effective October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, at a total cost not to exceed \$525.00. Funding: Special Education.

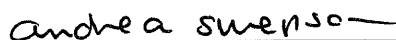
FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

A Board Workshop on Special Education will be held November 4.

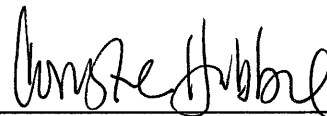
- Facilities Use – Fee Structure/Handbook (Nov.)
- Board Workshop on Special Education (Nov.)
- Review Facilities Standards/ Green Policy (TBD)
- First Interim District Budget (Dec. 10)
- Review Recommendations of Math Task Force for 2015-16 (Jan.)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



ANDREA SWENSON
Board President, Piedmont Unified School District
Board of Education



CONSTANCE HUBBARD
Secretary, Piedmont Unified School District
Board of Education